

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AT YOUR LOCAL NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES



ASSABET RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Visitor Center at 680 Hudson Road, Sudbury, MA. For questions about programs or to register contact Kizette at kizette_ortizvanger@fws.gov or 978-562-3527 x 117.

★ **Mass Audubon Summer Day Camp at Assabet River NWR – Sign up now!** ★

Saturday, June 7th at 9am-2pm	FAMILY DAY AT THE REFUGE There will be family activities throughout the day ranging from bird walks, ponding, hikes to face painting, storytelling and live animal presentations. This day is co-sponsored with Mass Audubon Drumlin Farm Day Camp so come learn about summer camp at the refuge as well as getting outside to learn about the natural environment! This is a fun filled day to get to know the refuge and to find out why it is a wonderful place for families to visit. To see the schedule of programs for the day, visit the refuge website (the link is at the bottom of this flier).
Saturday, June 14th at 11am-1pm	HISTORIC BUNKER TOUR Join local historian Jan Wright for an informative slideshow followed by a talk and tour of one of the ammunitions storage bunkers at Assabet River NWR. Only 30 Spaces are available, to register please contact Jan at janicemariw@verizon.net by June 13 th at 3pm.
Wednesday, June 25th at 7pm	FRIENDS JUNE PRESENTATION – “MURDER, MERRIMENT & MONAHAN’S: Life at Lake Boon 1850-1950” Presented by Dick Gelpke Local historian, Dick Gelpke, presents the 2nd in a series of three presentations on the history of Lake Boon. This chapter will cover the period from 1850 to about WWII, concentrating on the people and events around the lake and the dramatic growth of population. Lake Boon became a recreation destination for Bostonians during the 1920’s through 1950’s. Gelpke will tell the story of several infamous murders and other mischief of that period. The presentation includes images of many local landmarks, now gone. Dick Gelpke is a long time Lake Boon resident, retired from the Department of Geography & Earth Science at the University of Massachusetts Boston, where he concentrated on historical and environmental issues, and physical geography.
Friday, June 27th at 10:30am	REFUGE FLEDGLING HOUR Nature themed program series that will include crafts, stories, and games or songs that will relate to a different topic each month. Programs will be held the 4 th Friday of every month 10:30am – 11:30am for 2 to 5 year olds; siblings welcome.

OXBOW NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Entrance: Still River Depot Road parking lot (at end of Still River Depot Road in Harvard, MA). For questions about programs, contact Rona Balco, President of Friends of Oxbow NWR, 978-779-2259 or Ada at

ada@friendsoftheoxbow.org.

Sunday, June 15th at 2-4pm	GRASSLAND HABITAT PRESERVATION Learn how Mass. Wildlife will restore uncommon Sandplain Grassland habitat and Pitch Pine – Scrub Oak shrubland habitat to benefit rare and declining species. Chris Buelow of the Mass. Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program will do a program at Pine Hill Wildlife, Lancaster, MA, explaining the plans for the Pine Hill and the other Mass. grasslands restoration projects. Chris offers us a unique opportunity to learn more about some of the developments that have been taking place at Pine Hill, what the goals are, what will be gained (and what might be lost), how the work will be accomplished, and who will oversee the projects. Pine Hill is part of the Bolton Flats, but there is nothing flat about it. Wearing sturdy shoes is recommended. We will be walking on sand. Directions: From Rt. 117, in Lancaster turn north on Harvard Road. Harvard Road turns sharply east at 0.4 miles and becomes Pine Hill Road. Cross the railroad tracks. There will be a gate on the north side of the road about ¼ mile after the railroad crossing. We will meet there at 2:00. This program is co-sponsored by the Friends of The Oxbow N.W.R. and The Forbush Bird Club. Please R.S.V.P. at 978-779-2259.
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GREAT MEADOWS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Concord Impoundments on Monsen Road, off Rte. 62 in Concord, MA

<p>June 13th at 7pm; July 12th at 7pm; August 10th at 6:30pm</p>	<p>FULL MOON EVENING FORAYS: A Sense of Place at Great Meadows NWR (Concord) Join local naturalist, Cherrie Corey, for monthly summer nature walks exploring the wild plants, wildlife, and varied habitats of Great Meadows NWR in Concord. All ages are welcome. For each walk, a \$5/person voluntary donation is requested. No pre-registration required. Meet at the information kiosk by the parking lot, Great Meadows NWR in Concord (Monsen Rd, off Rte. 62, driveway on left where road curves right). Questions? See sense-of-place-concord.blogspot, email cherrie.corey@verizon.net or call 978-760-1933. Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Assabet River NWR, Musketaquid Arts and Environment Program, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. For detailed information about these and other programs, go to: http://sense-of-place-concord.blogspot.com/p/blog-page_6.html</p>
<p>June 15th at 3-5pm; July 19th at 7:30-9:30am; August 10th at 6:30-8:30pm</p>	<p>SUMMER MONTHLY NATURE WALKS: A Sense of Place at Great Meadows NWR (Concord) Join local naturalist, Cherrie Corey, for monthly summer nature walks exploring the wild plants, wildlife, and varied habitats of Great Meadows NWR in Concord. All ages are welcome. For each walk, a \$5/person voluntary donation is requested. No pre-registration required. Meet at the information kiosk by the parking lot, Great Meadows NWR in Concord (Monsen Rd, off Rte. 62, driveway on left where road curves right). Questions? See sense-of-place-concord.blogspot, email cherrie.corey@verizon.net or call 978-760-1933. For up to date program information and weather cancellation notices, go to the new <i>Calendar of Programs and Events</i> tab, located just under the website masthead. Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Assabet River NWR, Musketaquid Arts and Environment Program, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.</p>
<p>Saturday, June 21st at 10am-2pm</p>	<p>ANNUAL FISHING EVENT & RIVERFEST FAMILY FESTIVITIES: Great Meadows NWR (*Sudbury*) Join refuge staff and <u>MassWildlife's Angler Expert</u> – Jim Lagacy to learn how to fly-cast, spin-cast, and even tie your own fly. All equipment will be provided. 10 am – 2 pm: Family fun for everyone - join in games, crafts, and face painting, or go for a hike on the trails to discover the variety of riverine habitats on the refuge. 11am-1pm: Wildlife- Up Close and Personal - join <u>Mass Audubon's Drumlin Farm</u> naturalist for a family-friendly visit with native wildlife that live along the banks of the rivers and depend on a healthy habitat. 1pm: Snakes of New England and the World – see a variety of local snakes close up, and a few exotic ones too. Rick Roth, Director of the <u>Cape Ann Vernal Pond Team</u>, will bring some of his favorites and talk about their lives and habits. The Sudbury Headquarters is located at 73 Weir Hill Road in Sudbury. If you would like further details contact Kizette. Riverfest is celebrated all weekend with programs throughout the watershed, for other programs visit: www.sudbury-assabet-concord.org/riverFest</p>

REMINDER: PETS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON THE REFUGES

[Except Service Animals]

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http://www.fws.gov/refuge/assabet_river

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